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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Legislative Liaison Office

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FROM

: J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief, DCI History Staff

SUBJECT

: Records Access Policy for Government  
Historians

1. I shall enclose our "CIA Records Access Policy" statement, as revised 1 August 1983, along with a copy of it in its previous form, "CIA Access Policy Concerning Presidential Libraries" (revised 12 July 1977). Since the 1977 policy statement for presidential libraries has always also governed official historians' requests for access to CIA-originated documents in other official repositories (including CIA's own files at Headquarters and elsewhere), I produced the 1 August revision to recognize this and to clarify some of the procedures.

2. For your purposes, I think the point is that from at least 1977 government historical offices have had access to CIA records in a number of official repositories by following the procedures stated in these access policy statements. The Army, Air Force, National Security Agency, State and Defense Department historical offices are our principal customers, and their requests are usually for access to CIA documents in the several presidential libraries. When requested, however, we have arranged access for official historians to CIA documents at CIA and in other repositories.

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